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FOR: METHOD OF ASSESSING THE GRADE OF VASCULAR INJURY

RESTRICTION RESPONSE

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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated January 2, 2008, Applicants elect, without traverse, Group I, Claims 1-8 (drawn to a method of assessing a grade of vascular injury by determining the level of PTX3 in a test sample), for examination.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.